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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Inventor: Roldan, Gerardo

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
BULGE FORMING A BLANK INTO AN  
ARTICLE INCLUDING SHAPED  
PORTIONS

Examiner: Jones, David B.

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2003. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Presented below is a complete set of claims with current status indicators. Claims 1, 6, 16, 25, 30, 49, 54, and 73 have been amended, and new claims 75-79 have been added. Please enter the amended claims 1, 6, 16, 25, 30, 49, 54, and 73, and enter new claims 75-79.